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ICE ARRESTS 9 FUGITIVES

Convicted child abuser among individuals arrested

DETROIT— A 42-year-old convicted child abuser is among nine fugitives arrested over the past weekend in a tri-county area operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Angel Hernandez, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to a three-year prison term in 1995 after he was convicted by a Maryland jury for child abuse. His conviction stemmed from charges of rape, attempted sex and battery of a female minor less than 18 years old.

"Tracking down and removing criminal aliens from our streets is a key element of ICE's public safety mission," said Special Agent-in-Charge Brian M. Moskowitz. "Whether in the U.S. legally or not, aliens who engage in criminal activity not only face prosecution for their underlying crimes but they also make themselves accountable to our nation's immigration laws." Moskowitz heads the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations which covers the states of Michigan and Ohio.

Those arrested are from: Mexico, Albania, New Zealand and Poland. All are currently in ICE custody awaiting immigration proceedings or removal from the country. Local probation departments referred all of the individuals apprehended. Immigration law mandates that convicted criminal aliens be deported to their countries of origin.

Three of the individuals apprehended — Rafeal Aguilar-Miranda, Noe Zavala-Cornejo, Jesus Nava-Ponce — agreed to Stipulated Removals to Mexico which allows them to be deported without appearing before an Immigration Judge.

ICE's efforts nationwide promote public safety and national security by ensuring all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed to their home countries as expeditiously as possible.

Following is the list of criminal aliens arrested by ICE special agents including their age, country of origin and crime:

1. Rafael Aguilar-Miranda, 25, Mexico, illegal alien (stipulated removal)
2. Shaun Franklin, 34, New Zealand, controlled-substance violation
3. Angel Hernandez, 42, Mexico, child abuse
4. Eduard Llapi, 34, Albania, crime involving moral turpitude (CIMT)
5. Jesus Nava-Ponce, 25, Mexico, illegal alien (stipulated removal)
6. Aleksander Preka, 31, Albania, reentry after deportation
7. Michael Tomczyk, 18, Poland, controlled-substance violation
8. Francisco Vasquez-Tovar, Mexico, reentry after deportation
9. Noe Zavala-Cornejo, 27, Mexico, illegal alien (stipulated removal)

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.